(c) and (d) Deaths of 21 black bucks on 8th and 9th June, 1992 was the result of stray dogs stealthily entering into the enclosure and chasing the black bucks. Disciplinary action has been initiated against the persons responsible for the security lapse. Preventive measures have been initiated to avoid recurrence.

Environmental Aspects of the Konkan Railway Line

9. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN:
SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a committee of experts to examine the question of environmental aspects relating to the proposed Konkan Railway Line passing through Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what are its terms of reference and the likely date for submission of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of the Committee are to examine environmental aspects including Socio-cultural heritage relating to the proposed Konkan Railway Line. The likely date for submission of the report is 3rd September, 1992.

Setting up of Planet Protection Fund

10. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recently held U.N. Conference on Environment and Development at Rio De Janeiro, India had proposed for setting up of a Planet Protection Fund to help buy environment-friendly technologies worldwide and make them available free of cost to any country seeking access to them; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) At the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio De Janeiro in June, 1992, it was proposed that the setting up of the Planet Protection Fund, which was originally mooted by India at the Ninth Non-aligned Summit held in Belgrade in September, 1989, should be considered seriously for purchasing and making available environment-friendly technologies around the world to any country seeking access to them.

Earth Summit at Rio

11. SHRI GOPALSING G. SOLANKI:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the achievements of Earth Summit held in Rio De Janeiro, which began in the first week of June, 1992; and

(b) what was India's contribution to the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The major achievements of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held at Rio de Janeiro in June, 1992, include an increased awareness and understanding of environment and development as inter-related concerns and of the need for common understanding in tackling these concerns. The Conference has helped in bringing about a clearer understanding of the overall problems faced by the developing countries and of the need for global strategies to address issues to bring about a fair and equitable international order.

There has also been a recognition of the concept of the 'right to development' in the specific context of environmental issues. It has been agreed that socio-economic